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State of Utal

Department of Natural Resources

MICHAEL R. STYLER
Executive Director

Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

JOHN R. BAZA
Division Director

Operator: PLATEAU MINING CORP Site: WILLOW CREEK MINE

Address: PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030
County: CARBON
Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: ACTIVE

Current Acreages

14,662.49 Total Permitted

71.44 Total Disturbed
Phase I
Phase II
Phase III

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR. Governor

GARY R. HERBERT

Representativ	cs Present During the Inspection
	Dennis Ware Controller
OGM	Steve Demczak Environmental Scientist III

Permitee: PLATEAU MINING CORP

Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070038
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL
Inspection Date:	Monday, March 16, 2009
Start Date/Time:	3/16/2009 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time:	3/16/2009 4:00:00 PM
Last inspection:	Monday, February 09, 2009

Inspector: Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: Sunny, 50's

InspectionID Report Number: 1947

Accepted by: jhelfric 3/24/2009

Mineral Ownership	Types of Operation		
☑ Federal	☑ Underground		
☐ State	Surface		
☐ County	☑ Loadout		
Fee	Processing		
Ø Other	Reprocessing		

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

The Permittee notified the Division that the fourth quarter of 2008 surface and UPDES water monitoring information for the Willow Creek Mine was in the electronic data base pipeline ready for uploading.

The Permittee continues to meet the Special Condition included as Attachment "A" of the current State permit, which was renewed April 24, 2006.

There are no pending compliance actions.

There is currently no activity at this site.

Inspector's Signature:

Stere Demozak, Environmental Scientist III

Inspector ID Number: 39

Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

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REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

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		Evaluated	Not Applicable	Comment	Enforcement
1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	Ø		Ø	
2.	Signs and Markers				
3.	Topsofi	\mathbf{Z}		Ø	
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	Ø		Ø	
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments	Ø		Ø	
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	Ø		Ø	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.0	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations		0		
5.	Explosives		Ø		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	Ø		\mathbf{Z}	
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments	Ø		Ø	
8.	Noncoal Waste	Ø		\square	
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage	Ø		\mathbf{Z}	
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading	Ø		Ø	
13.	Revegetation	\mathbf{Z}		Ø	
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.a	Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.b	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	Ø		₩	
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

Permit Number: C0070038 Inspection Type: PARTIAL Inspection Continuation Sheet

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Inspection Date: Monday, March 16, 2009

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The DOGM permit will expire on April 24, 2011.

3. Topsoil

All topsoil was used in reclamation.

4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

The diversions were spot checked and were open. Rocky Mountain Power (UPL) is installing a pileline along the road. They have left concrete next and on the reclaim area. The permittee has spoken to Rocky Mountain Power and the company had started to clean-up the area. There is more work that will be needed in the clean-up.

4.b Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments

The sediment pond has not discharged this quarter and has a small amount of water. No hazardous conditions were noticed during the inspection.

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The reclaimed area is pocked for sediment control.

6. Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches

The site meets AOC requirements.

7. Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments

The refuse pile was reclaimed. The refuse pile was inspected and appeared to be stable.

8. Noncoal Waste

The permittee has contacted Rocky Mountain Power to remove trash next to the reclaim site.

10. Slides and Other Damage

No slides or damage was noticed during the inspection.

12. Backfilling And Grading

The site is backfilled and graded.

13. Revegetation

The site has been seeded.

18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

There are no support facilities.



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JOHN R. BAZA
Division Director

Permitee: CASTLE GATE HOLDING CO
Operator: CASTLE GATE HOLDING CO

Site: CASTLE GATE MINE

Representatives Present During the Inspection

Company Dennis Ware Controller

Address: PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030

OGM Steve Demczak Environmental Scientist III

County: CARBON

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.

GARY R. HERBERT

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: RECLAIMED

Current Acreages				
7,619.00	Total Permitted			
63.00	Total Disturbed			
29.20				
18.20	Phase II			
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mineral Ownership	Types of Operations			
☑ Federal	☑ Underground			
☑ State	Surface			
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Fee Processing
Other Reprocessing

Report summary and status for pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments:

No violatios were issued.

The Permittee notified the Division that the required third quarter of 2008 surface water monitoring information for the Castle Gate Mine was in the DOGM EDI pipeline and was acceptable for uploading. All sites were monitored at the end of March and were reported as "no flow". The Permittee continues to meet the Special Condition included as Attachment "A" of the current State permit. There are no other "special" permit conditions.

The field conditions in Sowbelly and Hardscrabble Canyons remain virtually unchanged, as does the condition of the reclaimed area for Adit #1.

Inspector's Signature:

Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

Date

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Inspection Report

C0070004

PARTIAL

Monday, March 16, 2009

3/16/2009 12:00:00 PM

3/16/2009 2:00:00 PM

Monday, February 09, 2009

Accepted by: |helfric

3/24/2009

Inspector: Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

Permit Number:

Inspection Type:

Inspection Date:

Start Date/Time:

End Date/Time:

Last Inspection:

Weather: Sunny, 40's

InspectionID Report Number: 1946

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2.	Signs and Markers				
3.	Topsoil	Ø		Ø	
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	Ø		Ø	
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments		Ø		
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	Ø		€	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.0	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives		Ø		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches				
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments		0		
8.	Noncoal Waste	Ø		\mathbf{Z}	
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage				
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading	Ø		Ø	
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.a	Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing				
16.b	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	V		Ø	
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22.	Other				

Permit Number: C0070004 Inspection Type: PARTIAL

Inspection Date: Monday, March 16, 2009

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1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The Mining and Reclamation Permit of DOGM will expire on December 24, 2009. Castle Gate is in Phase II in reclamation. There are two sub-stations and a small area (Adit #1) that are in Phase I.

3. Topsoil

All topsoil was used in reclamation.

4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

The diversions were snow cover. It was warm for snow melt. The water if flowing was under the snow in the diversions.

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The site is plocked to control sediment runoff.

8. Noncoal Waste

The area was snow cover and no non-coal waste could be seen.

12. Backfilling And Grading

The sites are completely reclaimed. All backfilled material was used.

18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

There are no facilities/building at the sites.



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Permitee: PLATEAU MINING CORP
Operator: PLATEAU MINING CORP

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.

GARY R. HERBERT

Site: STAR POINT MINE

Address: PO BOX 30, HELPER UT 84526-0030

County: CARBON

Permit Type: PERMANENT COAL PROGRAM

Permit Status: RECLAIMED

Representatives Present General the Inspection: Company Dennis Ware Controller OGM Steve Demozak Environmental Scientist III

Inspection Report

Permit Number:	C0070006
Inspection Type:	PARTIAL.
Inspection Date:	Monday, March 16, 2009
Start Date/Time:	3/16/2009 10:00:00 AM
End Date/Time:	3/16/2009 12:00:00 PM
Last Inspection:	Monday, February 09, 2009

Inspector: Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

Weather: <u>Sunny, snow covered, 40's</u> InspectionID Report Number: <u>1945</u>

Accepted by: jhelfric 3/24/2009

Current Acreages		Mineral Ownership	Types of Operations	
8,919.91	Total Permitted	☑ Federal	☑ Underground	
113.34	Total Disturbed	☑ State	Surface	
113.34	Phase I	☐ County	☐ Loadout	
	Phase II	☑ F••	Processing	
	Phase III	Other	Reprocessing	

No violations were issied.

Inspector's Signature:

Steve Demczak, Environmental Scientist III

Date

Monday, March 16, 2009

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1.	Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale	\mathbf{Z}		\mathbf{Z}	
2.	Signs and Markers				
3.	Topsoil	Ø		Ø	
4.a	Hydrologic Balance: Diversions	Ø	0	Ø	
4.b	Hydrologic Balance: Sediment Ponds and Impoundments		Ø		
4.c	Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures	Ø		\mathbf{Z}	
4.d	Hydrologic Balance: Water Monitoring				
4.e	Hydrologic Balance: Effluent Limitations				
5.	Explosives		Ø		
6.	Disposal of Excess Spoil, Fills, Benches	0			
7.	Coal Mine Waste, Refuse Piles, Impoundments		Ø		
8.	Noncoal Waste	Ø		\square	
9.	Protection of Fish, Wildlife and Related Environmental Issues				
10.	Slides and Other Damage	Ø		∀	
11.	Contemporaneous Reclamation				
12.	Backfilling And Grading	Ø		Ø	
13.	Revegetation				
14.	Subsidence Control				
15.	Cessation of Operations				
16.a	Roads: Construction, Maintenance, Surfacing		₹		
16.b	Roads: Drainage Controls				
17.	Other Transportation Facilities				
18.	Support Facilities, Utility Installations	\mathbf{Z}		Ø	
19.	AVS Check				
20.	Air Quality Permit				
21.	Bonding and Insurance				
22 .	Other				

Permit Number: C0070006 Inspection Type: PARTIAL Inspection Date: Monday, March 16, 2009 **Inspection Continuation Sheet**

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1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

The DOGM permit will expire on Jan. 28, 2012.

3. Topsoil

All topsoil was used in reclamation.

4.a Hydrologic Balance: Diversions

Some of the diversions were snow covered. The diversions that had no snow were open and would function was designed.

4.c Hydrologic Balance: Other Sediment Control Measures

The disturb area is pocked to control sediment runoff.

8. Noncoal Waste

No non-coal waste was seen during the inspection.

10. Slides and Other Damage

No slides or other damage was noticed during the inspection. Roads were snow covered.

12. Backfilling And Grading

The disturb area was backfilled and graded.

18. Support Facilities, Utility Installations

There are no facilities.